

March 15.

HAD STORM HEAVY.

Georges Fleet Reports It of Great Violence.

Two Crafts Arrive in a Damaged Condition.

That the storm of last Friday and Saturday was heavier and more violent than was at first supposed, is learned of two vessels of the Georges handlining codfishing fleet, which arrived here this morning, one with her whole string of cable gone and the other with hawse pipe gone and water butts leaking, and both with little or no fish.

The crafts are schs. Mattie Winship and Ella G. King. The skippers of both report very bad weather, almost from the time they got on the bank. The gale of week before last was very severe, but the one last Friday and Saturday was the worst on them.

Fish also were scarce. The Winship came home with almost none. While riding at anchor during the last gale, her hawse pipe pulled out and it was a wonder she did not lose her whole string of cable. She received such a tossing and buffeting that her water butts started leaking, and in this predicament, she was forced to return to port.

Sch. Ella G. King fared even worse. She got on a good spot of fish and had taken 5000 pounds, when the gale came on accompanied by a blinding snow storm. The craft was making fairly good weather of it, however, when her hawse pipe pulled out and soon after the cable, the whole 240 fathoms of which was out, chafed out in the hawse pipe hole and the craft went adrift. With no cable, it was useless to stay on the bank so she was headed for home.

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To Determine Fishery Rights, Etc.

Chandler P. Anderson of New York has been selected by Secretary Root to prepare for the active state of negotiation a number of issues between the United States and Canada, left unsettled by the joint high commission which met in Washington in the winter of 1898 and 1899. These relate to the delimitation of boundaries and fishery rights, the bonding privileges on Canadian railroads entering the United States, the fur seal controversy and other matters.

Correspondence which has taken place has given ground to the hope that some at least of these issues may be quickly and satisfactorily adjusted by direct negotiations.

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Western Halibut.

The American Halibut Company has four cars of Western halibut at Boston today and more due next week. The New England Fish Company has 12 cars on the way and due next week.

The American Halibut Company's steamer on her last trip had a monster fare of 250,000 pounds of halibut.

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Good Trip.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Joseph Bonia, arrived this morning from Grand Bank with a fine fare of 40,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Bonia reports bad weather throughout the trip and says that yesterday was a nasty day outside.

Good Stock.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, stocked \$2600 as the result of her recent fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.

Gloucester Has the Goods.

Mr. George E. Hall of Thaddens Griffin's large painting establishment is in Boston on a fine job of gold window lettering for a large clothing concern of that city.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Smuggler, Grand Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 26,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 3000 cod.

Sch. Ida, 500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Quartette, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Viking, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Sarah, 1500 haddock.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Seaconnet, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Lucania, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 4500 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 6500 haddock.

Sch. George H. Lubee, 12,000 haddock.

Sch. Minerva, 5000 cod.

Sch. James S. Steele, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 13,000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 6000 haddock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Venus, 1500 haddock.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 3500 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 1500 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.60; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50.

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MONSTER HADDOCK.

One Weighing 21 Pounds Landed at Boston Yesterday.

A monster haddock, weighing 21 pounds, was landed at T wharf, Boston, yesterday by sch. Richard J. Nunan, and is accounted the largest ever landed at that great fish mart. Sch. Minerva landed a codfish weighing 75 pounds at T wharf yesterday.

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Halibut at Boston.

Sch. Monitor of this port, Capt. James McShara, is at Boston today with a fine fare of fresh halibut, 40,000 pounds. The trip brought nine cents per pound for white and five cents for gray. Capt. McShara evidently has had some hard weather since leaving Grand Bank, for the jib and jumbo of his craft are blown away.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry Curtis, stocked \$1900 as the result of her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$51.56 net.

Fine Trip.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Lyman Wildes, arrived here this afternoon from Georges with a fine trip of 90,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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Big Trip.

Capt. Jeffrey Thomas is keeping up his work on big trips and this morning is at Boston with another large one, 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, which insures him another fine stock. The sailing vessels in the haddocking fleet ahead of sch. Arcadia this winter are few and far between.

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Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston.

Sch. Mary Cabral, via Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, via Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Ramona, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Monitor, 40,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 65,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 3800 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Emilia Enos, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Arcadia, 88,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2800 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mina Swim, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Onato, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Maryland, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 48,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Juniata, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Richard J. Numan, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$4 to \$4.75; market cod, \$2 to \$4.50 hake, \$3 to \$4.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Martin L. Welch of sch. Lucania reports speaking schs. Carrie W. Babson, Hattie L. Trask and Pauline on Georges.
Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin was spoken on Georges recently.
Sch. Senator Sanisbury is fitting for salt banking under command of Capt. James Frelick.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason was at Shelburne, N. S., recently. Capt. McLean found poor fishing at Burgeo and on the Peak.
Capt. Lyman Wilde of sch. Olga reports speaking schs. Latona, Vera and Patriot on Georges recently.
Capt. Richard Wadding of sch. Atalanta reports speaking schs. Niagara and Vigilant on Quero Bank a few days ago.

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Halibut at Boston.

Sch. Vigilant of this port is at Boston today from Quero bank with 15,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.
Schs. Philip P. Manta, Harvester, Jessie Costa and Nettie Franklin of Provincetown are also at Boston this morning with small halibut fares.
Quite a number of cars of Pacific halibut are at Boston this morning.

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Pretty Far Fetched.

A St. John's N. F. dispatch says:
"The proposed attempt to arrest four American citizens serving on board the British Alaskan fur sealing schooner Zillah at San Francisco because American laws forbid American subjects to hunt fur seals, occasions much interest here because the matter involves the question whether the American herring vessels can hire Newfoundlanders outside the three-mile limit before entering Newfoundland waters to take herring as they did last fall, despite colonial protest."

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FIRST FOR SOUTH.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson Sails for Mackerel Today.
The sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, sailed today for the southern mackerel grounds. The Nicholson is the first of the mackerel fleet to sail this season.

ANXIETY RELIEVED.

Little Sch. Walter P. Goulart at Boston Today.

Been Through Heavy Gales and Has Fine Trip.

After an absence of over three weeks, during which time not a word had been heard from her, the little market fishing sch. Walter P. Goulart, Capt. Goulart, of this port, arrived at Boston this morning, with a big fare. The news of her arrival was quickly wired to this city and caused great rejoicing among those who had relatives on the craft when they learned that she was safe.

Aside from the anxiety of those who had friends and relatives on board, there was a general feeling of worry over the safety of the craft by the fishing fleet in general and those who follow fishing matters. The craft is one of the large fleet which fishes on the shore and makes two or three trips a week, but during the latter part of February she took a big bailing and went to Georges, the weather having been so fine and promising to continue so that Capt. Goulart figured that he could get a big trip there in company with the large vessels and thus get a good stock.

What the weather has been during March on Georges is well known to all, and as many of the big haddockers of the fleet came in one after the other, all more or less damaged, and bringing no word of having seen the Goulart, there was naturally much anxiety, deepened by the fact that sch. Hope, the other little shore boat which went on a similar trip, was heard from after the worst gale, having reached a Nova Scotia port after a thrilling experience. Then came other gales after the big one and still no word of the Goulart.

And thus 23 days passed with no tidings, but this morning she arrived all right with a big trip, 50,000 pounds of haddock. She had a very severe time of it, encountering gale after gale, and her safe arrival has relieved the anxiety of all.

Many of the vessels at Boston today report bad weather at sea. Sch. Vigilant of this port had the early March gale very heavy on Quero bank and Capt. Ernest Engstrom reports that the recent gales were also very severe. During the recent howling northwester the craft was obliged to heave to under bare poles.

Sch. Matchless, which arrived from Georges, is minus her foresail. One sea washed over her deck smacking two dories.

Sch. Nettie Franklin has been out four weeks and only five days of that time was there a chance to put a dory over the side. Her foresail was torn four times.

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Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Monitor, via Boston.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

THE AGE OF AN OYSTER.

You Can Tell It by the Lines on the Hinge of the Shell.

In some ways an oyster is smarter than the man who eats him, but in one respect the consumer has his victim beaten in the matter of wisdom. The consumer has learned the art of "making up" to conceal his age; the oyster has not. Any one who wishes to do so can find out just how old an oyster is. The lines in the groove of the hinge of the shell tell the whole story. These lines are a true index to the number of layers composing the shell, being, in fact, nothing else than their attenuated tails. One of these layers grows each year, and, no matter how hard the sensitive oyster may try to keep it from showing, it is bound to overlap its predecessor and leave a ridge which, no doubt, is just as annoying to the oyster tribe as an annual wrinkle would be to the human race.

Up to the time of an oyster's maturity these layers are arranged with regularity, but after that they fairly pile over each other, just as if the little bivalve's birthplace had crowded upon each other so rapidly that he didn't have time to spread out one new plate before another was right at his heels.

An oyster comes of age when he is four years old. Coming of age in the oyster kingdom means that he is old enough to take care of a family and go to market. Going to market is a disastrous undertaking and is generally the last of him, for a four-year-old oyster is particularly palatable, and people do not hesitate to pay a pretty good price for a pint or a quart of him. By this it must not be inferred that after an oyster has passed the four layer period and has five, ten or even a dozen wrinkles on his shell he is a back number and fit for nothing but to keep on accumulating wrinkles until he dies of old age. Indeed, there are records of oysters being eaten just after celebrating their thirtieth birthday, and in most cases they formed quite a delicious meal. This is an unusual age for an oyster to attain, because few of them are given an opportunity to live so long. If left to enjoy life in his own quiet way it is quite probable that the oyster would live to become an octogenarian or even a centenarian. — New York Press.

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